

**Drosophila virilis Cu-Zn superoxide dismutase gene sequence**

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The sequence of 2103 bp given below, isolated from a lambda EMBL3 genomic library of *Drosophila virilis*, codes for Cu-Zn superoxide dismutase (SOD). An open reading frame and a termination codon are identifiable starting at positions 154 and 1163, respectively. The putative TATA box that starts at position 15 corresponds to one of three putatively identified in the *D. melanogaster* SOD gene (1). There are three putative polyadenylation signals (at 1311, 1359 and 1377); the middle one corresponds to the one identified in *D. melanogaster*. The coding region consists of two exons; the 549 bp intron separates the codons for amino acids 22 and 23, similarly as for *D. melanogaster* and for the first intron of the human gene (2). The inferred sequence of 153 amino acids has the same length as in *D. melanogaster*, but differs at 20 sites; the DNA coding sequences exhibit 81.4% identity. Two stretches in noncoding regions are also very similar in both species. One is 26 bp long, starting 60 nucleotides downstream from the 5' end of the intron, with 88% identity, but 1 bp is missing in *D. virilis*; it might be involved in splicing. The other, extending from positions 1329 to 1384 in *D. virilis* (1369 to 1430 in *D. melanogaster*), includes the putative polyadenylation signal in the middle, and exhibits 6 different and 47 identical (89%) bp, but gaps of 3 bp in *D. melanogaster* and 9 bp in *D. virilis*.

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1 AAGCTTACAAACGATATTCTCATGATGCTTTGTGCCCTACCAAGTTAGTGACATTAAGCATTCCGTAGCTGGCTTCGCACGACAAG
91 TTCACTGACTAAATTGTTTAATTCTTCTATCTACGTTCCGAATAAGCAAAACACAAAAATGGTGGTCAAAGCTGTATCGCTTATC
               MetValAllysAlaValCysValle
181 AATGGCGATGCCAAGGGCACAGTTTCTCGAACAGGGAGTAAGAGACTGTATATTCTGCTTCAACTGAAACAAATATTGCGAG
               AsnLeuLysGlyThrValPheAsnGluGlnGlu
271 ACAAAAAACTAAGGTCATTAGCGGCCACACCGCACGACACCAGGCTAATAATGTTGATGCTGTGTTGATGTAATTGTTGCTTATC
361 ATGTCATACATATGTCATTGTTGACTGTGCGGCGTACTGTAATTCAATTGCGTAGTTGCTGTGTCATCTGATAAAATGCTA
451 ATTAAATGACGACAAACACATGCGATGCCAGGATTTGTCAGGTTAAAGGCAACCGGCAAATTCATT
541 CGCCTCTTAACTCTCTTAAACCGTATACACATTACTCTGGCTTAGGTATTGAAATTGTTTCTCGAGCGCATTAGAATATGACCTT
631 ATTTCACCTACCTTGGCCAGCTAAATGTTCTGCTCATGGTTAGTTGATTAGCTTACGCTTACGCTTGTGCGATTAAATTGTTC
721 CTATTCGTTTAAACCCATATGCCATCTGTTCTGCATCCACTCAACAGGGCAGGGGTTGGGAGGGTACCGGCGAGGTACCCG
               GlyGluGlyCysProValLysValThrGlyGluValThrGly
811 CTTGGCAAGGGTCAAGCATGGCTTCATGTGCGATGAGTCCTGGCGACACACCAATGGCTGTCATGGGACCCACTCAATCCCTA
               LeuIleLysGlyLysGlyPheHisGluPheAspAsnThrAsnGlyMetSerSerGlyProHisProIle
901 CCAGAAGGAGCATGGCCACCCGACCGAGAACATGGCCATCTGGGCAATTGGGCAACATCATCGCCAAATGGAGACGGCTTCACTCCCGT
               GlnGlyGluLysGlyAspAsnProIleAsnGlyAspGlyProThrProVal
991 GAACATCTGGATTGCAAGATCACATTGCTGGCCCAAATAGCATATTGGACGCCAGGTGTTGCAACGGCAGATGCCAGATGACCTGGG
               AsnIleCysAspCysIleThrLeuLeuGlyIleAsnSerIleLeuGlyArgIleThrValValHisAlaAspProAspLeugly
1081 CAAGGGCCGACACGGCTGAGCAAGAACACTGGCACCGGGGAGCTGGCTCGCGGTGATCGGCATTTGCCAAATCTAAACACAC
               LysGlyGlyLysGluLeuUserLysThrThrGlyAlaAsnAlaArgIleGlyGlyValleGlyIleAlaLysile**
1171 TCTAGAGCCTAAAGCATTCAGCAAAATGCGATGCTATAACCCACAAATATATATAAAATTGTTGATATGTTGATTTAATTGATGTT
1261 ATCCACGGCGCGTAAACGGTTAACATTCTGGATGATACGCTTACGTTGGGATTTCCCTTGGTGTGTTGAAAGGCAAC
1351 TTTAACGGCAATAATTGGTGTATCAAAATTAACCTGCTCTACTAGGAGCAGAAATGCTATGAGCAACAAATTTCAGTACTGTC
1441 ACATTATTGGTTCCAAATACGTATATAAAATTAGTAAATTTCACATTCTGAAATCTAAATTAGTCAAAGCTATGACATATGACTAT
1531 GAAACAAATCAACGGGTTTAAAGAACAAAACGAGTTCTAAATTGAGATTTGGGTGGGGAGGTGCTTCTGTTGGCTTCCATTAT
1621 GTCTGTTGAAAGTAGGACTGATAGCAGTGGCCAGTGAAGGAGAAGGGTGGCCAGATTTGGGCTTCCAACTTGGGCTTGGGTTGGCCAA
1711 CCTTGACACTCCGGTGGAAACACCTGAAAGGTACACATAGCTCAGTTAAAGAGACTTTGATATGAAACCTTCAATTTC
1801 ACTAGCAAATGAGGCTGCAATGTTGGCAGATTCGGAGTAAACCTGGCCTCTCAACATTGGGCTTGGGTTGGCCAA
1891 TTCTCATCGGCCCACTTATGCTGCAAGCACGCCCTCTTTAAAGATGCCGTCACGTTAAAGGCCCAAGGGCTTGTACATGAG
1981 CGTGAGATAAACAGACAAATACGGCGTGCAGCAATTGCAACGTAACACAGAGATAATGAAAGGATCTGCAAGGCAA
2071 GACAATATATCAGTCGTTAATTATCCAAGCTT
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